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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced Application.

International Search Reports (ISRs) dated July 13, 2004 and July 20, 2004 are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the three ISRs (two are dated July 20, 2004) along with the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

It should be noted that U.S. Patent 6,594,086 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-18806 cited on the ISRs dated July 13, 2004, were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 9, 2004 and therefore are not enclosed nor referenced on the PTO Form 1449.

Relevance of any non-English-language document may be ascertained from the ISRs or an attached English-language Abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,

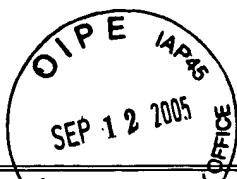
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